

METROPOLITAN DADE COUNTY  
MEDICAL EXAMINER DEPARTMENT  
NUMBER 1 ON BOB HOPE RD MIAMI, FLORIDA 33136 (305) 545-9400  
INVESTIGATION REPORT

M.E. CASE NO. 89-0883 A  
DATE MAR/24/89

BODIE, CAROLYN (REMAINS, UNKNOWN)  
31 BLACK FEMALE DOB DEC/31/57  
LKA: 1302 N.W. 64TH STREET, MIAMI FLORIDA

PLACE OF DEATH: UNKNOWN  
TIME OF DEATH: FOUND MAR/24/89

INVESTIGATING AGENCY: MIAMI #147218J/MCDERMOTT

INCIDENT LOCATION: LOT: 3095 N.W. 43RD TERR., MIAMI FLORIDA  
MAR/00/89 SCENE M.E. JAY S. BARNHART, JR. MD

HISTORY: GDS

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\*\* THE DECEASED WAS LATER POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED BY FINGERPRINT COMPARISON BY THE METRO DADE POLICE DEPARTMENT, I.D. # 354268..

CAUSE OF DEATH: PENDING TOXICOLOGY.

MANNER: UNCLASSIFIED DATE AUTOPSY MAR/25/89 BY JAY S. BARNHART, JR. MD

MORTUARY: BARRETT/FRYAR GDS

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89-883

Police Case No. 147218-J

NAME OF THE DECEASED: \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Race B Sex F

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security No. \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Death 3095 NW 43 TERR

Death Occurred 19, M. in the presence of \_\_\_\_\_  
or  
Found Dead 3/24/89 19, 10:00 AM M. by Der Det Dirz

Identified by \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date/Time Viewed by Investigator 3-24 1989, 10:40 AM Medical Examiner at Scene \_\_\_\_\_

HISTORY: (What happened just prior to death and when was victim last seen alive?) CHILDREN PRAYING  
IN A WOODED AREA AT THE REAR OF THE ABOVE  
RESIDENCE DISCOVERED THE VICTIM. VICTIM'S  
JEANS WERE UNZIPPED & DOWN TO KNEES. SWEATER  
IS PULLED UP TO MIDRIFT.

Possible manner of death UNCLASS

If Violent Death: Date/Time of Incident 19, M. Weapon/Cat. \_\_\_\_\_

Exact Location/Address of Incident \_\_\_\_\_ At work \_\_\_\_\_  
(Specify Street, Parking Lot, Bar etc.)

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION: Clothing \_\_\_\_\_

Position/Location of Body: SUPINE ON GROUND

Lividity: Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_ Consistent  Body Heat: Warm: \_\_\_\_\_ Cool: \_\_\_\_\_ Cold:

Rigor Mortis: None \_\_\_\_\_ Slight \_\_\_\_\_ Full  Decomposition: None \_\_\_\_\_ Slight \_\_\_\_\_ Advanced

Trauma: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Describe \_\_\_\_\_

NAMES OF DOCTORS/HOSPITALS who attended deceased during life: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF NEXT OF KIN: \_\_\_\_\_ Relation \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Notified: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Valuables and Disposition (None) Medication to M.E.: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Investigating Agency MDPD Report Submitted by McDERMOTT Date: 3-24 1989, 1145 AM

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**METROPOLITAN DADE COUNTY**  
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**INVESTIGATION REPORT**

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Dr. Bailey  
D/S sign.

CASE INFORMATION

DATE 3 28 89  
mo. day yr.

11:15 AM.  
time

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M.E. Case #

R.E.: Bodie, Carolyn

*Dorothy Lester - MOTHER OF  
COMMON-LAW-HUSBAND*

*Record card  
Dorothy Lester - 635-3482*

The deceased  
Grandmother owns Bodie's Florist  
NW 10 AVN & 54<sup>th</sup> ST.  
Told her that she was unable to  
do anything.

Dorothy Lester is willing to make  
arrangements. She has already  
spoken to Saretta Foye.

We will attempt to contact grand-  
mother of deceased.

Attempted to contact grandmother  
to Bodie's Florist in phone book.

J. Peleg

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CASE INFORMATION

DATE 3/27/89  
mo. day yr.

8:10 AM  
time

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Re. Bodie, Carolyn

Called family,

635-3482 — Dorothy Lester —

Barrett, Faye.

C Gayl —

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time 8:00pm

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From  
Dorothy (grandparent)  
Lester (home & children)  
233-3947 home  
635-3482 job

The caller is the  
grandmother of the Deceased  
6 children - The oldest child  
is age 13, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4 - The Deceased  
was NOT married, she has a step-sister  
& grandmother who both refuse to  
make any type of arrangements! Ms Lester  
her daughter would like to make  
arrangements if no-one else comes forward  
Please advise her on Monday or Tuesday  
if this is possible.

*Sue  
Shuster*

**M E M O**

N2 000803

MEDICAL EXAMINERS DEPARTMENT  
1050 NW 19th STREET  
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33136

NO REPLY NECESSARY  
 PLEASE REPLY

TO

Toxicology - Dr. Hearn

DATE

4/5/89

Bodie, Carolyn 89-883

Please analyze brain for benzodiazepines.

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X3

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11:45 a  
time

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Bodie, Carolyn

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CASE INFORMATION

DATE 4/4/89  
mo. day yr.

10:25 AM  
time

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M.E. Case #

Reference: Bodie, Carolyn

called H.R.S.  
Med. Records, Administrator  
Miss. Maude Hall 638-6540, records will be  
copied and ready to be picked  
in 20 minutes. E Taylor

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time \_\_\_\_\_

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M E M O		MEDICAL EXAMINERS DEPARTMENT 1050 NW 19th STREET MIAMI, FLORIDA 33136
<input type="checkbox"/> NO REPLY NECESSARY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PLEASE REPLY		TO Investigator and 89-883 Bodie Carolyn Please obtain records from Drug Treatment Center at 22nd Ave & 25th St. She has signed herself out from there against medical advice about 8+10 days before she was found dead. JG
		DATE 4/4/89

DAY-TIMERS RE-ORDER No. 3213 - Printed in USA

**MEMO**

NO 000002

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1050 NW 10TH STREET  
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33136

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 PLEASE REPLY

TO

Investigation

DATE

4/4/89

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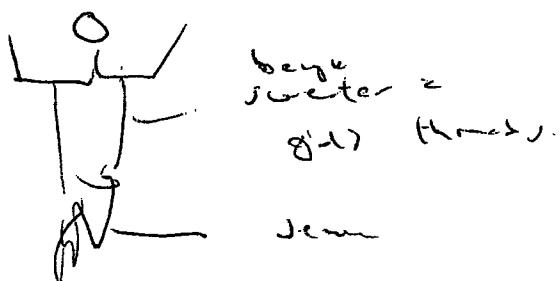
MPD  
Complaint Desk

43rd Terrace & N.W. 31<sup>st</sup> Ave

Unclassified

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CD - caught side

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time 10:52 AM

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*mpd*  
Complaint Desk

43rd Terrace, N.W. 31<sup>st</sup> Ave

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Mr. Barnhart  
will respond.

*c Eayle*

## MESSAGE CONFIRMATION

MAR-24-'89 FRI 11:38

TERM ID: MEDICAL EXAMINER P-9999  
TEL NO: 305 545 2400 EXT3418

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*JSB*

MEMORANDUM

TO: Medical Examiners Office

DATE: March 24, 1989

*Jonathan T. Harris*  
FROM: Jonathan T. Harris  
Fingerprint Technician I  
Metro-Dade Police Department

SUBJECT: ME# 89-883

The fingerprints obtained from the deceased ME# 89-883 have been identified with fingerprints of Bodie, Carolyn, B/F, DOB: 12-31-57, MDPD ID# 354268, on file with the Metro-Dade Police Department, Case Number 147218-J.

JTH/st



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DATE 3/24/89  
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3:30 P.M.  
time

89-883  
M.E. Case #

METRO  
Harris  
I.D. Tech

NAME: Bodie, Carolyn B/F

DOB: 12/31/57

I.D.#: 354268

LKA# 1302 NW 64th Street  
Miami, FL (1985)

I. D. by fingerprints

-ABanum

**BARRETT/FRYAR ~~LICENSED~~**  
**FUNERAL HOME**  
14545 Carver Drive  
Richmond Heights, Florida 33176  
Telephone: (305) 232-3571

## AUTHORIZATION

I hereby designate the above-named funeral establishment to take charge of funeral arrangements for: CAROLYN BODIE, and I authorize the release and removal of the remains to said funeral establishment for the purpose of embalming and/or other scientific preparation.

I represent that I am the next of kin, or am acting as a duly authorized agent for the next of kin.

Signed: Savathy Lester

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

WITNESS:

DATE:

Jeanne Robins 3-26-89

### FOR VERBAL (TELEPHONE) AUTHORIZATION:

Authorization from \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_ Received by \_\_\_\_\_

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**DECEASED'S VALUABLES AND PERSONAL PROPERTY RECORD**

NAME OF DECEASED UWK M.E. CASE NO. 89-883

TIME 12:40 pm DATE 3-24-89  
M D YR

AGE \_\_\_\_\_ RACE B SEX F HEIGHT 5-4

WEIGHT (with clothes) 100 (without clothes) \_\_\_\_\_ (with wet clothes) \_\_\_\_\_

FINGERPRINTED: YES ✓ NO \_\_\_\_\_

**MALE**

**CLOTHES**

**FEMALE**

SHOES	SOCKS	SHOES	STOCKING	SOCKS
JACKET	SWEATER	COAT	SWEATER	JACKET
TIE	SHIRT	DRESS	BLOUSE	SKIRT
TROUSERS	SHORTS	SHORTS	SLACKS	SLACKS
UNDERSHIRT	T SHIRT	UNDERSHORTS	SLIP	PANTIES
PAJAMAS				CORSET
DENTURES: U.	L.	PAJAMAS		GOWN
MISCELLANEOUS	TRUSS	DENTURES: U.	L.	MISCELLANEOUS

**VALUABLES**

(List all money, jewelry, keys, personal papers & other valuables)

None

RECEIVED BY Hurkel Wills MORGUE ATTENDANT WITNESS Joe Pittell

REMOVED FROM M.E. OFFICE BY  
 BODY C. R. Roundtree REPRESENTING Barrett-Fryar-Thompson, Inc. DATE 30 MAR. 89 TIME 2:30 PM  
 CLOTHES C. R. Roundtree REPRESENTING Barrett-Fryar-Thompson, Inc. DATE 30 MAR. 89 TIME 2:30 PM  
 VALUABLES \_\_\_\_\_ REPRESENTING \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_ TIME JD

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**INVESTIGATION REPORT**

**M.E. Case #: 89-0883**

**DATE: MAR/24/1989**

**TYPE: A**

**BODIE, CAROLYN (REMAINS,UNK (AKA)**

31 YEAR(S) BLACK

FEMALE

D.O.B. DEC/31/1957

LKA: 1302 N.W. 64TH STREET, MIAMI FLORIDA

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**TIME OF DEATH: FOUND MAR/24/1989**

**INVESTIGATING AGENCY: CITY OF MIAMI 147218J/MC**

**INCIDENT LOCATION: LOT: 3095 N.W. 43RD TERR.,MIAMI FLORIDA**

**BARNHART, JAY S., M.D.**

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**CAUSE OF DEATH: HOMICIDE BY UNSPECIFIED MEANS. REFILED: 6/21/89-DJM.**

**MANNER: HOMICIDE AUTOPSY**

**MAR/25/1989 DOCTOR: BARNHART, JAY S., M.D.**

**MORTUARY: BARRETT/FRYAR**

**INVESTIGATOR: SHORTER, GWENDOLYN**

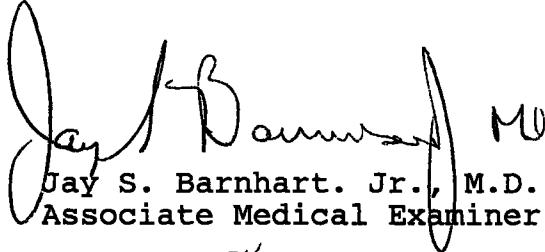
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AND IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

THE DADE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER DEPARTMENT, Miami, Florida

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**CAUSE OF DEATH:**

Homicide by Unspecified Means

  
Jay S. Barnhart, Jr., M.D.  
Associate Medical Examiner  
Date: 8/13/90

JSB:rf

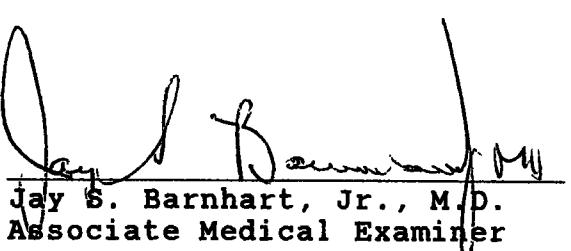
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TOXICOLOGY REPORT

BODIE, CAROLYN

M.E. CASE NO. 89-0883

<u>SUBSTANCE</u>	<u>SPECIMEN</u>	<u>RESULT</u>
ETHANOL	CHEST BLOOD	0.08%
ETHANOL	BRAIN	0.08%
CYANIDE	GASTRIC	UNDETECTED
BENZOYLECGONINE	SERUM	0.92mg/L
BENZOYLECGONINE	BRAIN	UNDETECTED
COCAINE	SERUM	UNDETECTED
COCAINE	BRAIN	UNDETECTED
COCAINE	TRACHEAL SWAB	UNDETECTED
DRUGS	GASTRIC	UNDETECTED
DRUGS	URINE	UNDETECTED
BASIC DRUGS	CHEST BLOOD	UNDETECTED
BASIC DRUGS	LIVER	UNDETECTED

  
Jay S. Barnhart, Jr., M.D.  
Associate Medical Examiner

Date 8/31/90



THE DADE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER DEPARTMENT, Miami, Florida

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**EXTERNAL EXAMINATION:**

The body is that of a moderately decomposed black female whose remains measure 5 feet 4 inches in length and weigh 100 pounds. There is marked generalized bloating and skin slip except over the lower thighs and lower legs where decomposition is mild. Massive maggot infestation involves all of the body orifices. The black, curly, 3 inch long hair is coming loose from its scalp attachments. The face is bloated and black and facial features are obliterated. The ocular globes are destroyed by maggots. The tongue is black and bloated and protrudes between the natural teeth. There are no facial or mandibular fractures. The neck has no external evidence of trauma. The abdomen and thorax are bloated and have no scars. The curly black pubic hair easily slips from its attachment to the skin. Due to bloating, the bladder and rectum protrude through the introital opening. The upper extremities have no tattoos, needle tracks, defense wounds, or other distinguishing characteristics. The fingernails are covered with a glitter polish. The back is straight and unremarkable.

**INTERNAL EXAMINATION:**

The soft tissues underlying the scalp are bloated. The skull has no evidence of fracture. The dura is distended by decompositional gases. The remaining 1000 gram brain is a gray-brown liquid mass in which no anatomic detail can be discerned. After stripping the dura, no fractures are noted.

The tongue is black and filled with decompositional gases. It has no lacerations. The hyoid bone, thyroid cartilage, thyroid gland, larynx, and superficial and deep muscles of the anterior and posterior neck have no evidence of injury or disease.

The cervical spine is without evidence of fracture. There are no fractures of the clavicles, ribs, sternum, thoracolumbar spine, or long bones.

The pericardial and pleural cavities are filled with decompositional gases. The 120 gram heart is collapsed and decomposed. No pathologic processes are discernible. The 220 gram right lung and 300 gram left lung are each surrounded by 300 cubic centimeters of red-black, malodorous chest fluid. A marked amount of edema escapes from their cut surfaces.

The 640 gram liver has an intact capsule with focal intraparenchymal postmortem gas formation. The gallbladder is distended with gas. There is no free blood within the peritoneal cavity. The lymph nodes at the porta hepatis are not enlarged. The 40 gram spleen has a thin, delicate, intact capsule. Its cut surface is a black-red liquid mass.

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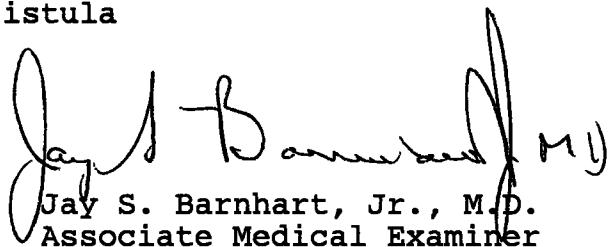
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The pancreas and adrenals are unremarkable except for autolysis. The 70 gram right kidney and 90 gram left kidney have moderate decompositional change. No disease is evident. The bladder is filled with gas. There is an old healed vesicovaginal fistula. The uterus, fallopian tubes and ovaries are unremarkable except for decompositional change.

The stomach contains less than 5 cubic centimeters of tan malodorous fluid. The mucosal surfaces of the gastrointestinal tract are completely autolyzed. The small and large bowel and appendix are unremarkable along their external surfaces.

AUTOPSY FINDINGS:

1. Bilateral pulmonary edema
2. Moderate decompositional change
3. Old vesicovaginal fistula

  
Jay S. Barnhart, Jr., M.D.  
Associate Medical Examiner

JSB:rf

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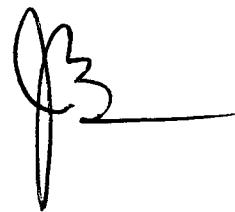
Bodie, Carolyn

Murphy

Liver? Decomposition stage.

Heart? Decomposition stage

Lung? Decomposition stage.



DADE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER DEPARTMENT

CLASSIFICATION OF PENDING CASE

(THIS FORM IS TO BE USED BY A MEDICAL EXAMINER WHEN A PENDING CASE IS TO BE CLASSIFIED. MAKE CERTAIN THAT THERE IS AN APPROVAL BY EITHER THE CHIEF OR DEPUTY CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER BEFORE COMPLETING THE NECESSARY FORMS AND CERTIFICATES REQUIRED BY THE STATE.)

M.E. Case # 89-883

Name (if known) Bodie, Carolyn

Cause of Death: Homicide by unspecified means.  
(Item 24)

Due to:

Due to:

Contributory Cause:

Manner of Death: Homicide  
(Item 27a)

How Incident Occurred: Was killed by other person(s)  
(Item 27d)

Rationale for Classification: 31 y.o. B/F, crack cocaine addict recently out of detox center, found with disheveled clothing, decomposing in shrubby undeveloped plot, not far from N.W. 31<sup>st</sup> Ave. Clothing malposition suggests sexual type activity. Eyes, tongue, and face too decomposed for any evidentiary value regarding injury. Brain liquified. Neck organs relatively well preserved, and without evidence of injury.

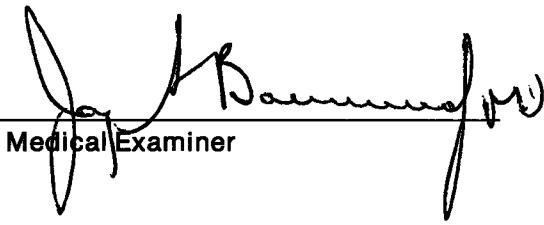
Aut-psg: No discernable antemortem cause of death.

Toxicology: Serum benzylecgonine 0.92 mg %.

No cocaine in chest fluid.

Chest fluid and brain alcohol .089.

Witnesses say calls for help were heard coming from the area several nights before her body was found.

  
Medical Examiner

6 20 Pg  
M - D - Y  
Date

Approved by John H Dunn MD

6/20/89  
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Date



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association of records managers and administrators

89-883

as of 5/25/89

Chest Bl.) C2H5011 .08  
Brain

Touthead Coc. Neg  
Benzoyl Serum 0.92  
CN Serum Neg

Chest Blood Cocaine Neg  
Brain (to be done)

JWD

CASE REVIEW  
J. H. DAVIS, M.D.

NAME : Bodie, Carolyn ME No.: 89-883  
Age/Race: 31 B Police: Miami  
Date Found: 3/24/89 Police No.: 147218 T McDermott

Coordinates: NW 30 Ave 43 Terrace

Site Character: Wooded lot

Position: Supine

Clothing/Cover: Jeans and panties pulled down, sweater up, left nipple exposed above bra strap

Preservation Status: Decomposed Maggots Blotted Last talked to 3/20/89  
Tuesday AM negative heart

Photos Eyes: ) "Help me" on caros

" Lips: N/A N/A

" Ext. Neck: N/A

" Int. Neck:

Cocaine/Blood: Sear & Stark ordered

" Other: Brain liquified

Alcohol:

Other Drug:

EVIDENCE FOR  
HOMICIDE ACCIDENT

Abandoned ♀ crank addict

Murphy ♀

Sex

Calls for help

Artificial photos  
not typical

Deceased? - was dead!  
Report? f3

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Master List - Study of 19 Cases

Already Classified as Homicide

- 1 88-3093 Black, B.
- 2 89-243 Spives, A
- 3 89-906 Williams, A
- 4 89-997 Hernandez, B

Well preserved - not decomposed bodies

- 1 87-2008 Samuels, w
- 2 87-2017 Taylor, M
- 3 87-2633 Rose, w, E
- 4 88-1055 Gray, S
- 5 88-3075 Edwards, S
- 6 88-3119 Lathimore, B
- 7 88-3575 Burns, H
- 8 89-323 Stewart, K
- 9 89-981 Gooden, P

Decomposed or insect altered bodies - including skeletons

- 1 86-2512 Turner, T
- 2 88-2596 Henderson, J
- 3 88-2637 Johnson, L
- 4 88-3118 Rolle, R
- 5 89-346 Harris, V
- 6 89-883 Bodie, C

METROPOLITAN DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA



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NUMBER ONE ON BOB HOPE ROAD  
N.W. 9TH AVENUE AT 18TH STREET  
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33136-1133  
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## RELEASE OF CASE MATERIALS

Date 01 - 23 - 80  
Month Day Year

M.E. Case # 89-883 Deceased Name Carolyn Bodie

Autopsy Report  
 Slide Duplication / Photo  
 Pages  
 Verification of Death  
 Glass Micro Slides  
 Micro Slide Case

Release to (Receiving Party Please Print):

Name DONNA WENRKE

Address Herald

Signature of Receiving Party Donna Wenrke

Official Receipt # \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks:

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SECTION B

# Dead women had links to rapist

By DONNA GEHRKE  
Herald Staff Writer

Where Charles Henry Williams went, women died.

Four were killed near his family home in Overtown. A fifth was a neighbor. Four more died in a North Dade prostitution zone where the tall baby-faced 32-year-old used to wander. Two others were found just outside the area. And two were murdered in a Brownsville neighborhood where he used to smoke crack.

Williams tells police it's coincidence.

Homicide detectives think it's a pattern.

Police say the convicted rapist is a suspect in these 13 slayings and five others, which date back more than two years. They called a press conference 2½ months ago to announce their suspicion. But they haven't yet charged



*Convicted rapist Charles Henry Williams, left, says connections to the dead women are a coincidence. Police see a pattern, but they haven't charged Williams with murder.*

Williams with murder.

The killings stopped once Williams was jailed last April on two unrelated rape charges.

"He's the best thing we've got," said Metro homicide Sgt. Frank Wesolowski, who

heads his department's investigation into 11 of the deaths. "He is the No. 1 suspect."

In recent weeks, The Herald has found more links to Williams and the deaths. Court records and interviews with police, witnesses and victims' families show:

■ At least three victims were seen with Williams on the day they died.

■ Two women who pressed the current rape charges against Williams say he tried to choke them to death in Brownsville — the same neighborhood where two victims died, within the same few weeks.

■ Another woman filed attempted-murder charges against Williams for a choking attack just hours after she had introduced him to one of her friends — who later was found murdered.

■ Williams frequented the same places — a crack den, a prostitution zone — that several of the victims did.

Williams is scheduled to go to trial next week on the two rape charges. The trial might

PLEASE SEE WILLIAMS, 3B

# 3 victims were seen with rapist the day they died

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be postponed to give Williams' new court-appointed attorney, Howard Landau, a chance to prepare a defense.

Landau, who helped win an acquittal for Williams in a 1986 rape trial, won't comment on the case or the homicide investigation. Nor will he allow his client to speak to The Herald.

In statements to police, Williams has denied killing the women.

Born in Georgia, he grew up in a neatly kept Overtown townhouse with his mother, brother and sisters.

By 1986, he had been accused of seven rapes — including assaults on two 15-year-old schoolgirls — and was profiled in The Herald as a career criminal who knew how to plea bargain and beat the system.

His accusers describe the same modus operandi: He starts with sweet talk and suddenly turns vicious as he chokes his victims unconscious.

Two years ago when Williams was out of jail, young women started dying mysteriously in his Overtown neighborhood. They were found almost nude, their legs spread and no visible trauma.

Miami cops were puzzled. Initial autopsies turned up a new theory — later debunked by Medical Examiner Joe Davis — that the women died because they combined sex and co-



**VICTIM:** Brenda Hernandez was seen with Williams the day she was strangled.

caine once too often.

They were well-known in the Overtown neighborhood as heavy crack-users.

So was Williams.

"He'd say, 'I've got money. Let's get drugs,'" remembered neighbor Audrey Salles.

One of Williams' teen-age neighbors took him up on the offer in April 1988 — and was found dead hours later, said the victim's best friend, Aida Rodriguez, 17.

She said Williams offered her and 16-year-old Sharmanita Grays "some weed" when they went to the Bay Point Motel, 3530 Biscayne Blvd. Later, Rodriguez left her friend with a heavily perspiring, crack-using Williams who wouldn't let her back into the room.

That's the last time Rodriguez saw Grays alive. Her body was found hours later sprawled, legs apart and nearly nude, on a stairwell at the motel.

Rodriguez told Miami homicide investigators her suspicions. Miami police have since refused to discuss the case.

Since then, two other victims were seen with Williams on their last day.

In October 1988, Williams sought sex from prostitute Erica Edwards on the night she died near the hooker zone on Northwest 79th Street, said witness Beverly Gunder James.

She said Williams, identifying himself as "Tony," approached her on Oct. 22, 1988, at the Tropicana Bar, 1057 NW 79th St.

"He came out of the bushes," James said in a telephone interview. "He asked me where I was going, and I said to the bar. He asked if I 'dated' [slang for hooking], and I said no. He asked if I smoked cocaine and I said no. He asked me if I knew anyone who did."

"I said yes — Erica."

She said she then introduced him

to Edwards.

"I said, 'Erica, this is Tony. He seems like a nice guy. Be nice to him.'"

The next morning, Edwards' body was discovered in a nearby field. She had been dead for hours.

That same day, James told police, Williams grabbed her from behind and choked her. "He picked me off the ground and put a hook on me and I couldn't spring loose," she said.

"The man was on top of me," she added. "I was on my stomach."

A neighbor saw the attack and scared him off, she said.

Five days later — and after three more women had been found dead in the area — James spotted Williams at a friend's house near the hooker zone.

Metro police arrested him there on attempted second-degree murder charges.

He was released in early December after prosecutors dropped the case. They couldn't find James. She moved to Oklahoma soon after the assault.

Five months later, Williams was seen with victim Brenda Hernandez on the day she was strangled in an open field in Brownsville, police told her mother, Mercedes Hernandez.

The victim had lived just a few blocks from a crack den near J & J Groceries at 2656 NW 46th St. where Williams hung out.

Two other victims, Barbara Ann

Black and Barbara Lattimore, hung out at the same crack den, several witnesses said. "He liked the girls," remembered store owner John Bennett.

Williams was arrested at the crack den when he tried to run from detectives investigating Hernandez's murder.

While canvassing the neighborhood for witnesses, detectives ran into a woman who said Williams had raped her in the same neighborhood two weeks earlier.

She said she was initially fooled by his appearance. "A clean-cut guy," she noted.

She agreed to Williams' offer: \$10, two cocaine rocks and half a pound of marijuana for sex. The next thing she knew, he was choking her and forcing her to have sex.

"The man chokes you like he intends to kill you. It's not a choke where he's playing with you at all. He wants to kill you," she said in a

sworn statement.

"The look on the guy's face — it totally changed from that nice personality, nice gentleman, hard-working gentleman to a damn maniac," she testified.

Metro detectives charged Williams with rape.

Within a week, Miami police followed with another rape charge. A woman from Brownsville accused Williams of choking and raping her in March.

Since early April, Williams has been in jail, lately in solitary.

"He's there for his own protection based on his notoriety," said Dade Jail Lt. Jim Wood.

Williams passes his days watching TV or talking to another prisoner — Charlie Street, accused killer of two Metro officers.

Williams has impressed Lt. Wood with his politeness and quiet demeanor. "He seems calm and placid."

U. EMIT - AMPHET  
U. TOX-A - Phenethylamine

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G. EMIT - AMPHET

G. TOX-A - PHETHYLAMINE, ELAVIL?

G. TOX-B - Xley

S. BE TDx - 0.92 mg/L

TRACHEAL SWAB COCAINE = 2ug

CB DS - Despramine → GC/MS = not detected

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# Suspect is linked to 19th slaying

By DONNA GEHRKE  
Herald Staff Writer

Charles Henry Williams, already the prime suspect in the slayings of 18 inner-city women, has been linked to the murder of another: a



20-year-old who, like three other victims, was seen with him on her last day alive. Sandra Jackson, "only four foot eight and 84 pounds," was alone with six-foot-three Williams, a convicted rapist known for choking his victims, on March 23 after the two had visited with Jackson's cousin. Her body was found the next day in a wooded vacant lot at Northwest 23rd Place and 38th Street.

Williams "was one of the last individuals seen with her alive," said

PLEASE SEE WILLIAMS, 2B

# Convicted rapist linked to 19th slaying

WILLIAMS, FROM 18

Tony Rodriguez, Miami homicide detective.

Like many of the 18 other victims, Jackson was found nude and asphyxiated in Northwest Dade, lying on her back with her legs spread.

Homicide detectives believe Williams, a baby-faced former maintenance worker, may be responsible for the 19 slayings — and perhaps more — because the methods of murder are strikingly similar.

"We've never had this many that seemed to fall into a pattern," said Dr. Joseph Davis, Dade's medical examiner.

Williams, 33, has been in the Dade County Jail for the past six months but has not been charged in any of the murders. He was charged with two counts of rape unrelated to the slayings. Metro and Miami homicide detectives say they don't have enough proof — even though he first murder came under investigation more than a year ago.

Williams has admitted to police that he knew some of the victims, but he has steadfastly denied killing anyone.

The slayings stopped once Williams was jailed in early April on the rape charges.

The first of the 19 victims — 18 of them black and one Hispanic — was found dead in July 1987.

Jackson was victim No. 15. The bodies of four other women were found before Williams was arrested in early April. Miami police did not disclose Jackson's connection to Williams and the other homicide victims until detectives recently gave depositions in court.

Jackson, a former cook in a sandwich shop, went by the name Sonia because she hated her given name. "She was my sweet baby," said her boyfriend Kirk Stevens, the father of her 2-year-old son, also named Kirk.

Like many of the other 18 victims, Jackson was a drug addict "doing tricks for crack," her family told investigators.

Just before her murder, she was desperately trying to break her

crack habit, said Vincent Lawrence, a distant relative who unsuccessfully tried to find a rehabilitation program for her. "I couldn't find anything free for her," he said.

On March 24, a man working in his yard found Jackson's strangled body next door in an overgrown lot in the Brownsville neighborhood. A brown coat covered her nude body. Her shoes were found nearby.

In the next 11 days, four more bodies of women were found. Two of them had been badly beaten and strangled, as Jackson was.

On March 26, the body of Angela Williams, 23, was found in an open field at Northwest 21st Avenue and 68th Street. The killer had beaten her face, breaking her jaw and teeth.

A week later, in another vacant lot at Northwest 23rd Avenue and 46th Street, children found the body of Brenda Hernandez, 24, whose chest and neck were battered like Jackson's.

Williams was picked up near the Hernandez murder site by homicide detectives a day after the body was found.

As in Jackson's case, witnesses saw Williams with Hernandez on the last day of her life.

Jailers later found scratches on Williams' back and fresh bite marks on his penis.

Metro homicide detective Joseph McMahon said Williams readily talked to homicide detectives.

Investigators said Williams told them he had been with some of the victims — but they were alive when he left them.

He said people in the neighborhood who say he is the murderer are picking on him. They didn't like him, Williams complained.

From canvassing Brownsville after the murders, police found at least two women who said they had survived attacks by Williams. The investigators and the alleged victims described the attacks in recent depositions.

One, an admitted prostitute, told McMahon that she had been raped and choked to unconsciousness in March by a man known on the streets as "Bumper" or "Bump."

McMahon showed her a Polaroid of Williams.

That's him, she said.

She said she hadn't gone to police sooner because she didn't think officers "give a damn about street hookers or prostitutes," McMahon said in a deposition.

The second victim said she was raped by Williams in the Brownsville neighborhood on March 18, six days before Jackson's body was found.

"She said at first he had grabbed her in a choke hold, putting his arm around her neck," Miami homicide detective Frank Castillo said in a deposition. "She said that he had her under control. She couldn't get away from him. The harder she would try to push away, the tighter the choke would get around her neck."

The two women pressed rape charges against Williams. He is scheduled to go to trial Nov. 13. But the trial is likely to be postponed for a third time. Prosecutor Dennis Siegel is planning to be out of the state that week to attend a seminar.

Meanwhile, police remain close-mouthed about the homicide investigation.

Williams' defense attorney, Howard Landau, believes homicide in-

vestigators are now conducting genetic DNA tests to see if they can trace back to Williams any body fluids found on the victims. The tests are usually done to connect rapists to their victims, usually through semen.

Despite Landau's objections, the Dade state attorney's office recently obtained a court order to take blood and saliva samples from Williams.

Miami homicide detective Rodriguez wouldn't talk about the genetic tests. "We're following up every avenue that's available to us that can assist us in these investigations," he said.

Rodriguez and John Farrell, Metro chief of detectives, said officers have pursued dozens of leads without the breakthrough they were counting on.

"Unfortunately, we haven't been able to put together anything of significance," Rodriguez said. "It's just a shame. It's a tragedy. I really feel that somebody out there saw or heard something that could help us solve at least one of these cases."

"Serial killers don't stop killing," he said. "They either get arrested, they die or they move somewhere and continue."

MEDICAL EXAMINERS DEPARTMENT  
TOXICOLOGY DIVISION  
DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE #: 37-883

NAME: BODIE CAROLYN  
NAME: UNK

AGE: 31 RACE: B SEX: F

DATE: 3-24-89

DOCTOR: JSB

U-PT

SAMPLE: \_\_\_\_\_

ETHANOL	CHEST BLOOD	0.08%
ETHANOL	BRAIN	0.08%
CYANIDE	GASTRIC	UNDETECTED

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CASE NO:

TOXICOLOGY

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Name...BODIE, Carolyn.....Case No. 89-883

SCENE INVESTIGATION

DATE: March 24, 1989

LOCATION: 43rd Terrace & NW 31st Avenue

TIME ARRIVED AT SCENE: 11:20 a.m.

POLICE AGENCY: Metro Dade Police Dept.

LEAD INVESTIGATOR: Detective McDermott

INITIAL INFORMATION:

According to police, several children who were rummaging through an undeveloped shrubby area discovered the body lying under a small tree. It is in an area that is not easily seen from the surrounding inhabited properties or from the street. According to police, this area is inhabited by drug users and vagrants. People who live in the area state that it is not uncommon to hear screams during the night almost every night.

OBSERVATIONS OF SURROUNDINGS:

The body is lying in a section of an undeveloped piece of ground which is characterized by weeds, shrubs, leaf piles, plant clippings, and litter. A worn path is beside the body. There is no evidence of dragging or an attempt to cover the body with anything. A black hair curler is about 6 feet from the feet of the deceased. No drug paraphernalia is seen. No potential weapons are present.

OBSERVATIONS OF VICTIM(s):

The victim is a black female who is in early to moderate decomposition who is lying on her back with her head directed toward the east and her feet toward the west. Argyle type socks are partially pulled over both feet. Her bluejeans and black undergarment are down just above the knees with exposure of the genitals. The upper torso has a beige sweater with gold threads. Beneath this is a black brassiere. The left nipple protrudes above the upper border of the brassiere. No jewelry is present. Minimal decompositional change is present in the feet and lower legs in portions covered by clothing. The upper thighs, genitals, trunk, and upper extremities have massive maggot infestation and extensive skin slip and bloating. A maggot filled hole measuring approximately 1/4 inch in diameter is over the ulnar aspect of the right wrist. The entire upper portion of the body is bloated with decompositional gases, resulting in

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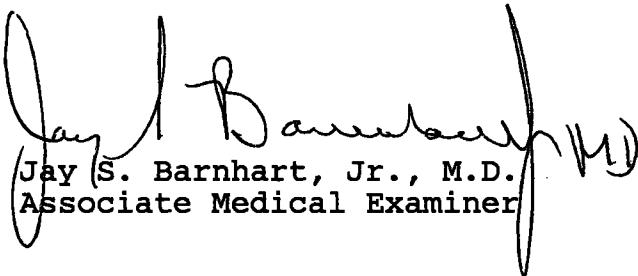
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forward extension and elevation of the arms. The curly black hair is slipping from its scalp anchorage. The eyes are destroyed by maggots. The trunk and lower extremities have no evidence of injury. Very slight residual rigor mortis which is easily broken is noted in the lower part of the lower extremities. There are no identifying features in the clothing.

SCENE IMPRESSION (INCLUDING PROBABLE CAUSE AND MANNER OF DEATH):

Probable drug related death occurring during sexual activity

NOTE: The foregoing is of a speculative nature and subject to modification pending additional information and investigation.

  
Jay S. Barnhart, Jr., M.D.  
Associate Medical Examiner

JSB:rf

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Full Body, Female, anterior and posterior views

Name Baile, Carolyn Autopsy No. 89-883  
Age 31 Race B Sex F Date 3/25/89

